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**Amsterdam is The Netherlands' capital, known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system and narrow houses with gabled facades, legacies of the city's 17<sup>th</sup> century Golden Age. Its Museum District houses the Van Gogh Museum, works by Rembrandt and Vermeer at the Rijksmuseum, and modern art at the Stedelijk. Cycling is key to the city's character, and there are numerous bike paths.**

*Read more about this fascinating place on pages 22 & 23.*

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the latest details of **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and by the various Sub Clubs.

## April 2024

Sun	7	<u>Neerlandia Sunday Cards Drive</u>	10:30am
Sun	21	<u>Perth Zoo Picnic</u>	10am
Wed	10,24	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs	4,11,18,25	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs	4,18	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri	26	<u>King's Day Party with "Vrijmarkt"</u> LMRC Wembley <i>More details on page 32</i>	6pm
Sat	6,13,20,27	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	10am

## May 2024

Sun	5	<u>Neerlandia Sunday Cards Drive</u>	10:30am
Sun	19	<u>André Rieu Lunch at the RDC</u>	11:30am
Wed	8,22	<u>Bingo</u>	11am
Thurs	2,9,16,23,30	<u>Neerlandia Thursday Night Cards</u>	7pm
Thurs	2,16,30	<u>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</u>	10am
Fri	31	<u>End of Month Borrel</u> LMRC Wembley	6pm
Sat	4,11,18,25	<u>Dutch Singers</u> Morley Windmills	10am

Spot the jokes in red.

**Important:** The content of our magazine is compiled with great care. Nonetheless, the information may contain inaccuracies. Should you find any errors, please contact us.

### Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.  
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**H**appy belated Easter to all our members. Let's hope that peace will reign over us all and we can continue life without fear.

There has been a lot of activity within our various clubs as can be seen from the various reports within this magazine. I commend our new Editor, Peter van der Wedden, for

maintaining the high standard our late Pieter Leeftang had set. In fact, Peter has made just minor adjustments in the setting out of our beautiful magazine which has elevated its standard just that little bit more. Well, done Peter. I encourage our membership to let Peter know what you think about the magazine. Furthermore, as some members have done, if you have an interesting article worth sharing, please send it to Peter and he will see if it can be included in our magazine. After all, we all enjoy reading interesting articles and laugh at the jokes and cartoons that form part of this magazine.

Since our last Magazine we have had two more End of Month Drinks at our new venue, the Lake Monger Recreation Centre. Our thanks go to Lianna Parker, Eric van Waaijenburg and his children Nikita, Chloe, and the energetic Aiden, as well as Ann Harper and daughter Ruby. However, there are more people in the background who help make this event the success it has been. We thank therefore Machiel van der Stelt and his sons Daniel & Justin, Helen & Rod Levy together with their two daughters Emma & Hannah, Jeannette Kuiper, and Gerda, the sister of Helen & Jeannette, who was visiting from Nederland. They all helped setting up, cleaning up, making sure the games were available as well as ensuring that anything that required attention on the night was attended to. Thank you to all of you.

Large crowds had gathered and enjoyed our

traditional Dutch specialties of *Bitterballen*, *Kroketten*, *Frikandellen*, *Patat Friet* and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, a new addition to the menu of a bowl of fresh salad. All this accompanied by everyone's favourite brew.

There are big plans afoot for our next End of Month Drinks. In future it won't be known as End of Month Drinks in April but Koningsdag. It is the day in our year where we celebrate the birthday of Koning (King) Willem-Alexander. Come and be surprised with what will be on offer. We are trying our very best to make it as authentic as we can. Why celebrate Koningsdag in Amsterdam amongst tens of thousands of people, when we can have just as much fun right here in Perth. Make sure that you put Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April in your diary and attend in Orange, Red-White-&-Blue, or anything that resembles your Dutch roots.

I ask our members to please ensure we have your correct contact details such as Home or Postal address and email address. We have experienced a higher level than normal where our Magazine has been returned to us undelivered. If you are one of those, you won't be reading this of course. But if members hear of a friend who has stopped receiving their magazine, please ask them to contact us so that we can re-connect with them.

This leads to another important consideration. This year we have asked members to supply a name and contact details of their next of kin. This is all in our quest to ensure that should anything happen to you whilst you are attending a Neerlandia event, that we are able to contact your next of kin and inform them. Equally, if something may have happened at home, of which we are totally unaware, and you suddenly and unexpectedly cease coming to our club functions, we may want to contact your next of kin to ensure everything is alright. We have had occasions where recently the need to contact next of kin became necessary and thankfully everything turned out alright.

The kitchen renovations at the Rhein-Donau Club appear to have been completed. A recent email sent to the RDC Membership suggested that the kitchen will be up and running from Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Having spoken with the Office staff, I am aware that they are not giving it a full-on promotion just yet until the ›

chef Bobi has been able to road test everything and any issues, if any, have been dealt with. So, until we receive further information on the availability of the kitchen during club activities of Bingo & Seniors, please continue to bring your lunch from home until told otherwise at the Bingo & Seniors meeting.

A recent analysis of the age profile of our membership revealed that we have 114 members aged 70 and above. Of this number, 17 are between 90 & 95 with 5 who are 95 plus. We do not have everyone's date of birth, so these numbers do not reflect our entire membership. Nevertheless, it highlights the very fact that many of our members are in that age group where the sudden deterioration in health, becomes a distinct reality. For all those members who have been afflicted with a deterioration in your health, we feel for you and wish you a speedy recovery to perfect health and look forward to seeing you back in our midst very soon.

John Zwartkruis,  
President.

**Neerlandia is OUR club, and WE ALL can  
make a CONTRIBUTION, be it  
small or LARGE.**

## **Register as a voter outside The Netherlands**

Do you live abroad? And do you want to vote in the elections from abroad? Then register as a voter outside the Netherlands. You will receive the documents to vote. Request your registration:

[www.denhaag.nl/nl/verkiezingen/kiezers-buiten-nederland/volmacht-aanvragen/](http://www.denhaag.nl/nl/verkiezingen/kiezers-buiten-nederland/volmacht-aanvragen/)

Would you like to vote in the European Parliament elections of 6 June 2024? Make sure that your application is received by the municipality by **Thursday, April 25, 11:59pm (Dutch time) at the latest**. A complete application consists of the completed and signed application form and a copy of your valid Dutch identity document.



# Perth Zoo

## PICNIC

**WHEN? 10am on 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2024**

Explore the zoo  
Lounge on the lawns  
Share a picnic lunch  
Visit the giftshop  
Meet other Dutchies  
Take part in a 'zoo-mazing' scavenger hunt

**Everyone's welcome to come along, you don't need to be a Neerlandia Member**

**Discounted tickets  
for Neerlandia members**

**Adults \$21 (non members \$36.60)**

**Seniors/Concessions/students \$14  
(non members \$28.80)**

**Child 4-15yrs FREE (non  
members \$18.15)**

**RSVP essential by 8 April**

**Questions? Contact Machiel [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com)**

To register go to this link :

<https://tinyurl.com/PerthZooNL>

Or use this QR code



**NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE  
FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER:**

**Steven van der Togt**





**Limited time special members' deal:**  
**Buy a hat & apron & shirt for only \$60 (SAVE \$5)**

<b>Cap</b>		<b>\$15</b>
<b>Bucket hat</b>		<b>\$15</b>
<b>Apron</b>		<b>\$25</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$25</b>
	<b>Non-Members</b>	<b>\$35</b>

#### **Polo shirt sizes**

Ladies' sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26

Mens' sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL

**"Turn a regular sofa into a sofa bed by simply forgetting your wife's birthday."**

## **NICKNAMES FOR COWORKERS:**

**Sensor Light:** only works when someone walks past

**Justin:** does justinuff to not get fired

**Mastercard:** takes the credit for someone elses work

**007:** 0 motivation, 0 skills & 7 bathroom breaks

**Butter Knife:** not the sharpest tool in the box

**ET:** just wants to go home

**Wheelbarrow:** only works when pushed

**KitKat:** always having a break

**Koala:** protected species



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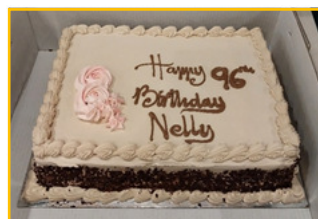
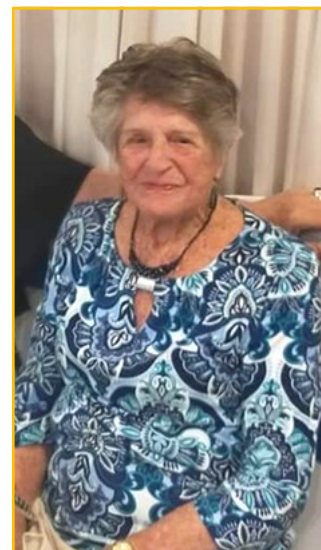
## Seniors Club

**W**e have enjoyed 3 Seniors Club days so far this year. The year has not been kind to several members. Some have had serious health issues visit them, others have had falls and hurt themselves, yet others are caring for family members who have medical issues. Luckily, everyone is on the mend. These issues did affect the ability of attending by these affected members.

Nevertheless, those who were able to attend had a great time and participated in the usual games.

We continue to allow members to either bring lunch from home, or order a Subway 6 inch Sub. This will remain the practice for as long as the RDC kitchen remains out of action. We have continued to provide everyone with an ice cream after lunch. Both Babette van Dijk & John Zwartkruis bring the 4L container and crispy cones around to each member and everyone enjoys the cool sweet taste of an ice cream after lunch. These have of course been very welcome during those extremely hot days.

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, we celebrated the 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Nellie van der Heiden. It wasn't her birthday quite yet, but we celebrated it just the same. Quite an achievement to reach that age and still be able to drive and attend activities at



Neerlandia. Once again, a very Happy Birthday Nellie, and thank you for the lovely cake you shared with everyone on that day.

If you feel you need a bit of Social Contact, meet up with other Dutch people and play a few interesting games, you are always welcome. We meet every 2 weeks on a Thursday at the Rhein-Donau Club, starting at 10am for Coffee and chat. Games begin between 10:30am & 11am. Always check the calendar of events on the inside cover of this magazine for dates.

John Zwartkruis,  
 President/Secretary Neerlandia Seniors Club.



# The Dutch Singers



**T**he Dutch Singers is a community group that has been harmonizing together for decades, dating back to the time when the Dutch Prince William Alexander laid the keel for the Duifken ship in West Australia. Fast forward to the present, and he now holds the title of King of The Netherlands.

Our choir was born from a unique blend of voices, bringing together members from various choirs to sing in Dutch. Hazel Potts, our talented pianist and four-part harmony teacher, played a pivotal role in shaping our musical journey.

Over the years, we've serenaded residents in nursing and retirement homes, bringing joy and music to different corners of our community. However, our passion for singing doesn't stop there.

Every Saturday morning, we gather at the Windmills Sport Club, coming together at 9am for a delightful 10am sing-along session. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet fellow enthusiasts, share in the joy of music, and savour a cup of coffee together.

Our pianist, Eddy van Praag, adds a magical touch to our sessions, creating an atmosphere of camaraderie and musical delight. While we cherish our Dutch heritage,



our repertoire extends beyond Dutch songs, encompassing a diverse range of musical genres.

We invite anyone with an interest in singing to join us - you're never too old to discover the joy of music! Our community is proudly independent, and we're honoured to be under the umbrella of Neerlandia.

Come along, and let's create beautiful melodies together. For more information or to express your interest, please reach out by phoning Alida on 0417 994 813.

*We look forward to meeting you.*





# End of Month Drinks proves to be very popular

## End of Month Drinks proves to be very popular.

Over the past few months, a renewed effort was made to hold our End of Month Drinks in a more central location, similar to when we were still owners of our Cambridge Street Clubhouse. We found that holding the End of Month Drinks, known as Maas & Waal Borrel, and held alternatively at the Rhein-Donau Club (RDC) in Myaree, followed by the following month at the Morley Windmills Soccer Club, were not well supported due to distance. Having found an alternative venue at the Lake Monger Recreation Club, Neerlandia is experiencing a renewed interest from members. Many have rejoined as members, which is extremely gratifying for the future continuation of Neerlandia as your Dutch Social Club. Neerlandia needs new members to continue to help celebrate our culture, heritage, and Dutch Festivals. So, please encourage all your family and friends to join. Whilst having a Dutch background is a definite advantage, it isn't essential to become a member of Neerlandia. All are welcome.

At our End of Month Drinks the traditional Dutch Snacks of - *Kroketten*, *Bitterballen*, *Frikandellen*, and *Patat Friet*, are offered for consumption to all those who attend. What better way to spend a Friday afternoon/evening with your favourite Dutch Snack and your favourite drink and enjoy a conversation with other Dutchies in Dutch and/or English.

### Please spare a thought about what it takes to get these Dutch delicacies to your table.

When at RDC the food that appeared on your table was prepared in a kitchen manned with professional

staff. However, at the relatively small kitchen at The Windmills, few people knew or realised the preparation and dedication by Babette van Dijk, her grandson Matthew, his partner Rebecca and Babette's friend Luzia who worked extremely hard to get those Dutch delicacies of *Kroketten*, *Bitterballen*, *Frikandellen*, and *Patat Friet*, to you.



A big **"Thank you"** is due to **Babette, Matthew, Rebecca** and **Luzia** for your time and energy spent in the kitchen at Morley-Windmills.

Now that we have moved to Lake Monger Recreation Club (LMRC) we have a new kitchen team. Welcome to Eric, Ann, and Team of young Neerlandia members for providing well prepared and those very same delicious Dutch snacks during End of Month Drinks.

John Zwartkruis,  
President.



Hannah, Ruby, Emma, Aiden and Nikita



Justin, Chloe, Eric, Aiden, Ann and Ruby  
*Editor: Apologies to Justin and Ruby not fully shown*



## End of Month (EoM) February

Old friends, new faces, backpackers and visiting family from The Netherlands - on February 23 **Lake Monger Recreation Club** was clearly the Hotspot for socialising.



A balmy summer's night saw patrons flock to Wembley to chill in good company.

Meanwhile Eric & Ann with their competent staff took orders and cooked Dutch delicacies like *Frikandel*



(speciaal), *Kroketten*, *Bitterballen* and *Patat Friet*.



By 7:30pm the rooms were heaving and some groups had moved to the big hall to play known and not so well-known board games: An array of Dutch board games was available for visitors to play and an enthusiastic queue was forming around the always immensely popular *sjoelbak*.





# End of Month Drinks



Separate from the party atmosphere, a small group had gathered around the computer to continue their Dutch lessons.

The Dutch lessons have proved to be popular and the interest to learn this guttural language is steady.

John presented a gift to a special family visitor from The Netherlands, who purchased all the newly acquired Dutch games and sent them over for us to enjoy.

By 10pm tables were put away, kitchen cleaned and patrons gone.

All that was left was a satisfied group of organisers.

## For your diary:

Next EoM will be on **26 April 6pm:**

Due to King's Day, we are inviting all children to come and bring their toys and books during the End of Month Drinks on **26 April.**

The "**Vrijmarkt**" is a popular, annual event where children sit on a rug or bath towel to sell a/o exchange their unwanted toys with each other.

Info: Lianna on  
[lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com](mailto:lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com)

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Pietje is going to stay with grandma. At some point he gets tired and starts yawning. To which grandma says: *'Pietje, you have to put your hand over your mouth when you yawn!'* Pietje says: *'No, grandma, I don't need that. I don't have one of those teeth that can fall out.'*



Neerlandia End of Month Team Newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ZF2C1NuUVg9UfFrg?>



# Cockburn Ice Arena & Cabin 401 Dinner

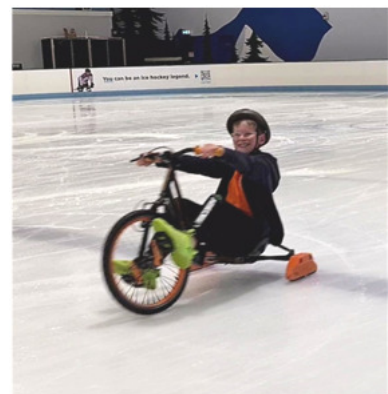


## Cockburn Ice Arena and Cabin 401

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of February keen skaters and ice bikers took to the ice for some fun. We had some new attendees and visitors from The Netherlands as well as regular faces, who enjoyed a slight reprieve from the hot weather, inside the ice arena. Decked out in helmets, a group raced around the rink on 1-wheeled, 2 bladed bikes, skidding and sliding.



It is surprising how many muscles you use doing this activity!





# Cockburn Ice Arena & Cabin 401 Dinner



Following this, some took part in the two hour ice skating session, picking their music from the DJ system, weaving in amongst and lapping other skaters.



Two Belgians each walk on one side of a river.  
One Shouts to the other: 'Hey, how do I get to the other side?'  
The other says: 'What do you mean?! You're already there, aren't you?'



# Cockburn Ice Arena & Cabin 401 Dinner



Gerda (centre) from The Netherlands is visiting her sisters & our committee members Helen (left) and Jeannette (right).



Our new Club shirts looked great and drew quite a bit of attention.





# Cockburn Ice Arena & Cabin 401 Dinner



We then came together for a meal in the warmth of Cabin 401, the only restaurant in Perth overlooking an ice hockey rink, where we enjoyed Canadian inspired dishes including "chicken and waffles".



Some of our teens put their jackets back on to watch the ice hockey game out in the stands, which is always an exciting experience and was great to see the home team win! Hoping this inspires others to join us for some fun at our next ice skating/biking event in August.



We would love to see you, so please keep an eye out for details or contact Machiel [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you to Neerlandia for organising the event and for the complementary drink at the restaurant.

*~Article produced by ME & Helen  
~photos edited by RL*





## Report on the Klaverjas Club

**T**he Thursday Night Klaverjas Club has completed 6 weeks of competition. We have a new member join our group, our very own Peter van der Wedden came to observe and then was motivated to come and join in the fun and play cards on a Thursday night.

As usual, competition is fierce with the top three positions changing hands from one week to the next. Even those who have had a two-week holiday, have come back and catapulted themselves 3 to 4 places after an unbelievable night. There are 9 more weeks of competition to go, and it will be interesting to see if the present leaders can hold on to their spots or are going to be caught by several others, not far off the pace.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 12 members were once again ready and eager to play the monthly Sunday Card Drive. However, as Jan Lagerweij was going to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday the very next day, he had brought along a cake for all to share. Once again, his CD Player along with several CDs containing Dutch Music was played in the background, it certainly created an atmosphere of *gezelligheid*. Competition was fierce and, in the end, the place getters were fairly well divided.

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place with 6,814 Points - **Piet Segers**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with 6,407 Points - **Shirley Kwawegen**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with 6,273 Points - **Freda Hovingh**

Jan Lagerweij didn't get to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday the way he and his family had intended. In fact, it was the card players at the Sunday Card Drive who were the only ones who sang "Happy Birthday". Unfortunately, Jan and his family will remember his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday for a whole different reason. Before festivities could get underway, Jan tripped over a leg of a garden chair, fell, and broke his leg. The Ambulance was called, and Jan was transported to Midland hospital, where he received attention and appropriate care. Due to complications of his broken Femur and other existing medical conditions,

an operation was deemed a risk and Jan was made as comfortable as they were able. Sadly, Jan passed away peacefully on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

We extend our condolences to his wife Anna and his family. He was a gentlemen and always fun to play a game of cards with. He will be missed.



If you too want to play Klaverjas and enjoy the *gezelligheid*, and maybe even win a prize, why not join in at our **next Sunday Drive on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of April**.

It will be held in the Karl's Bar at the Rhein-Donau Club in Myaree. Doors open at 10:30am for a Coffee and cake, and the competition starts at 11:00am. It is only \$12 to play. This includes your Lunch and Coffee. All players are welcome. See you there!

Of course, everyone is also welcome on Thursday Night. Only \$2 per week and you play 3 rounds of 16 games. You will have lots of fun and laughter, and a great night out.



L to R - Freda Hovingh, Piet Segers & Shirley Kwawegen

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**Q - 'How can you delay milk from turning sour?'**

**A - 'Keep it in the cow.'**



# The Neerlandia Bingo Club News



## NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am.  
Eyes down at 11am.



**Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: -self-serve.**

**Game: Your book of 10 games will cost you \$10.  
You will need to bring your own cup and lunch  
until the kitchen reno is finished**

**Total cost = \$10 for a fun filled day out with plenty  
of opportunities to win part or all your money  
back.**

that have been ESP), it gave us all a good laugh.

**Game 2** the line went to Leo Steyntjes with the Full House of \$20 going to Doreen Zarb.

**Game 3** the 4 corner numbers went to Rose Groos (it took 54 balls) and the Full House of \$20 went to Jenny Norder.

**Game 4** the straight Full House game for \$25 was won by Janke Raayen.

**Game 5** the 3 left end numbers went to Ida van der Kooij, the Full House of \$20 was won by Riet Oorschot (it took 57 balls and if it was the Jackpot game it would have been won).

After lunch we drew the one free player and that was Freda Hovingh. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates

was won by Lillian Zuiderveld, the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates was won by Alie Deurloo.

**Game 6** the bonus game the line went to Wilhelmina Keisler with the Bonus Full House of \$45 going to Helen Dans (for her 2<sup>nd</sup> win).

In **game 7** the line went to Doreen Zarb (for her 2<sup>nd</sup> win) with the Full House \$20 going to Babette van Dijk.

**Game 8** John van Gentevooort won the line and Pieter Groos won the \$20 Full House.

**Game 9** Doreen Zarb took out the 3 right end numbers in just 10 balls (for her 3<sup>rd</sup> win) and Betty Drabble won the

\$20 Full House.

**Game 10** the Jackpot game of \$155 needed to be won in 58 balls or less but it took 63 balls so the prize dropped back to the Straight Full House of \$25 and was won by Marjorie Bly. Congratulations to all the prize winners, and thanks go to every one for a fun filled day.

**The next Game of Bingo is on the 10/04/2024.**

Hosts: John Zwartkruis  
George van Beek

Ph. 0434 920 252  
Ph. 0420 913 291



**O**n the 28/2/2024 the number of players climbed to 32 and that meant that the Full House prize would be much higher than previous games and the Jackpot Prize is also higher due to the extra players and is a tidy \$155.

In **game 1** the line went to Helen Dans (in 31 balls), Mia Boshart called Bingo for the Full House only to find that she had marked off number 1 only to find it hadn't been called out. Having gone back to her seat the game recommenced and the next ball was number 1 so Mia won the Full House after all (could





# Some hints about learning Dutch

## You may well be speaking more Dutch than you realise

Some Dutch words are just too good not to adopt. They so perfectly describe a thing or situation that the Dutch word has often obliterated the English one in our lexicons, if ever there even was one. I'm thinking about the *borrel* and its accompanying *hapjes*. Cocktail party? Happy hour? Drinks? With hors d'oeuvres or finger food? None of the English translations seem to encapsulate the full panoply and joy of the extremely diverse *borrel*, which works just as well for the holiday festivities and after work get together as it does the birthday and home party.

For an English speaking person who lives in Australia and wishes to learn Dutch, then *gezellig* is his/her Dutch word of choice. There's no direct English translation and it encompasses so many different scenarios. For those new to the Dutch language, think *cosy*, or a relaxed and warm atmosphere or social situation (such as a *borrel* at the Friday night End Of Months drinks).



### Learning Dutch

Whether you're interested in upping your Dutch vocabulary or learning to speak Dutch, you can head to Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Classes, which offers small and personal Dutch classes - with an emphasis on fun.

These are not your typical textbook classes from school, but are fun and engaging and aligned with your learning trajectory. They make it a comfortable and open environment, where you talk about personal experiences and get to know your fellow students from the start. The comradery makes it easier. You feel more comfortable and eager to speak up. Which is what Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Classes is all about, so people feel more at ease talking Dutch.

You can survive in The Netherlands very easily not speaking Dutch, but you don't get the same experience.



### The method

The teacher is able to spend a lot of time going deep into the material, which is exclusively Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Classes and may be supplemented with games, clocks and even dolls to learn body parts. *'It's nicer than just a book and online material'*, the student says of the content that includes current events and Dutch culture. *'And it's nicer than just listening to what the teacher says!'* In addition to *gezellig*, the teacher says the students have pinched other Dutch words into their English vocabularies. *'When I ask how they are, they love saying Prima!'*

They also like using *dat klopt* (that's right), *helaas* *pindakaas* (literally unfortunately, peanut butter but colloquially too bad - a Dutch phrase having more to do with rhyme than reason), and *dingetje* (thing or thingy), as in there's one *dingetje*.

Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Classes leaves plenty of time to practice Dutch pronunciation, which has some notoriously difficult sounds. *'Students always have trouble with the double "u" as in huur (rent)'*, says the teacher. *'They say whore!'*

If you want to get in touch with Dutch culture and Neerlandia Dutch Conversational Classes then join in during the End Of Month Friday night class. Please contact Machiel van der Stelt [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) for information and to sign up to the Dutch Casual Conversational Classes.

The Dutch Casual Conversation classes are free for Neerlandia Dutch Club members! Costs for non-Neerlandia Dutch Club members for the Dutch Casual Conversational classes are as follows: \$10 per lesson per person, \$15 per lesson for two persons of the same family and \$20 per lesson for a family. Your first lesson will be free when you pay for the next three lessons in advance.



**An Afternoon Lunch with André Rieu**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 11:30am**  
**Rhein Donau Club, 110 North Lake Rd, MYAREE**



**Everyone enjoys the wonderful Music from André Rieu  
& His Johan Strauss Orchestra.**

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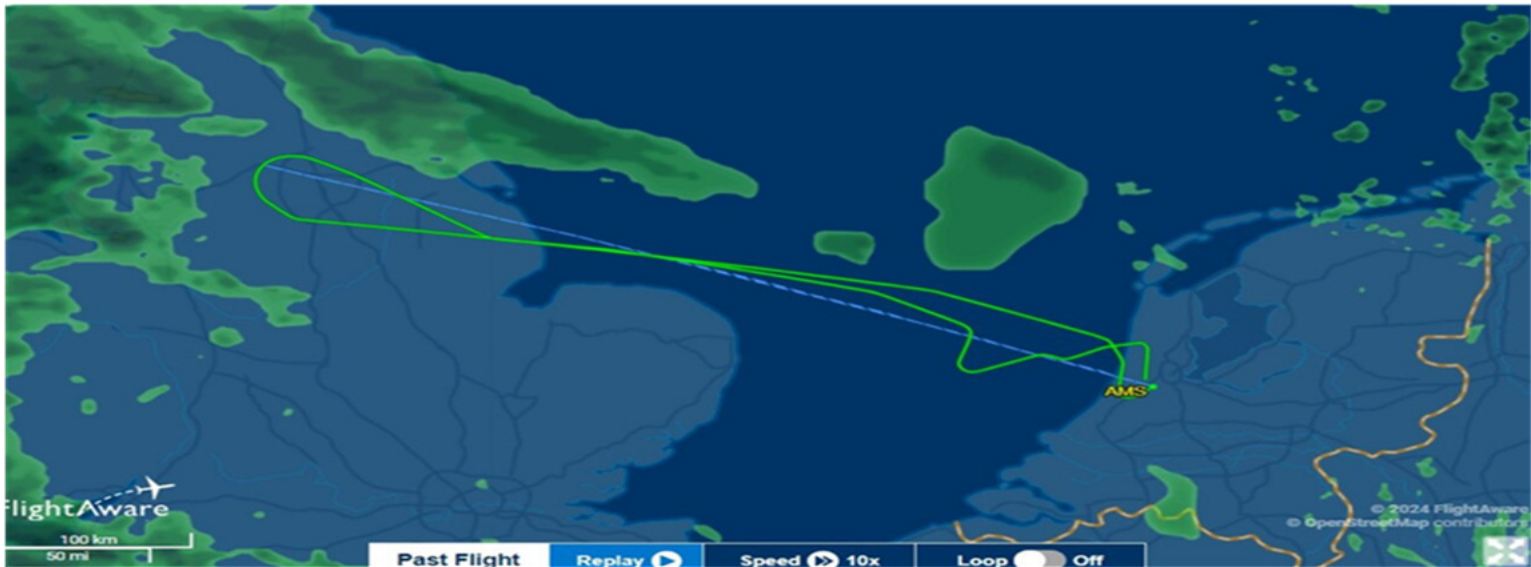
# A flight from The Netherlands

A flight from The Netherlands to the US was forced to turn back to Amsterdam after maggots reportedly started falling from an overhead luggage bin.

The Delta Air Lines flight took off from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol towards Detroit, Michigan about 10.30am on Tuesday (local time) but landed back at the same airport just 1.5 hours later, according to flight tracking data from Flight Aware.

Posts on social media suggested there had been rotten fish and maggots carried on board.

The airline said an “improperly packed carry-on bag” disrupted the trip and the plane was pulled off service for cleaning.



A passenger, named Kelce, who initially wrote about the gross experience on X (formerly Twitter), told Daily Mail the passenger who owned the suitcase with the dead fish was detained on the plane.

*‘Really lovely to be 2 hours into an 8 hour @Delta to Amsterdam and find out there is rotten fish and maggots hitching a ride with us,’* she had written in her post.



The airline apologised to passengers in a statement provided to People Magazine.

*‘We apologise to the customers of Flight 133 on February 13 as their trip was interrupted due to an improperly packed carry-on bag,’* it said.

*‘The aircraft returned to the gate and passengers were placed on the next available flight.’*

it also said *‘the aircraft was removed from service for cleaning.’*

It is not the first Delta flight to be turned around due to a biohazard on board recently.

In September, a long haul flight from Atlanta, US to Barcelona, Spain was disrupted when a passenger “had diarrhoea all the way through the aeroplane”.

Cancelling a flight while the jet is in the air is costly for an airline with wasted fuel and the need to find a new crew.





Isaac De Forest, de uit Leiden emigrerende voorvader van radiopionier Lee DeForest, begon op Amerikaanse bodem niet alleen een bloeiende tabakhandel maar kreeg ook een dorp in Wisconsin naar zich genoemd.

## De Leidse vader van de Amerikaanse radio, hij was een lastpak, maar wel een briljant lastpak.

**D**E HUGENOTEN - familie De Forest kwam in Leiden wonen. In die stad noemde de een zichzelf Van Foreest, een ander hield het bij De Foreest. Isaac hoorde bij de laatste tak. Hij zeilde de oceaan over, begon een handel in tabak en bouwde een huis in Nieuw Amsterdam. Daar droeg hij bruid Sara over de drempel, ze kregen veertien kinderen, maar acht daarvan haalden hun tweede verjaardag niet. Gerrit, Michiel, Jan, Marie, nog een Jan, Jesse, Maud, David - tragisch. Een tweede David was gezonder. Zijn stamboom leverde tenslotte Lee de Forest op.

Ik heb zelf een tijdlang in Maryland een radiostation in de lucht gehangen, met behulp van Jan Emous uit Hilversum die een radio-ervaring van tientallen jaren meebracht. We waren 24 uur per dag in de lucht, met muziek, maar vooral pratend over boeken, schrijvers, boekwinkels, uitgevers, bibliotheken en lezers: Paperback Radio. We trokken luisteraars in zowat honderd landen, mede omdat we regelmatig op pad gingen, met live uitzendingen vanuit steden zoals Atlanta, Orlando en Chicago. America's only station with a Dutch accent.

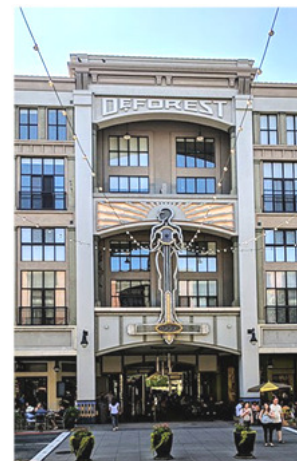
MAAR IK dacht: eerlijk waar? Waren we echt America's only station with a Dutch accent? Want de eerste die in Amerika een AM-zender maakte was Lee de Forest met z'n Leidse afkomst. Hij was tevens de eerste die in Amerika het woord radio introduceerde, in plaats van wireless, waaraan de meeste pioniers de voorkeur gaven. De radio heeft vele vaders, die allemaal beweerden dat ze het medium uitvonden, maar de echte vader van de radio was Lee.

Er was weliswaar op tal van fronten gepriegeld met het draagbaar maken van geluid, zoals de drukpers

het geschreven woord draagbaar had gemaakt, maar Lee de Forest was de man die echte afstanden overbrugde. Hij zond in 1907 vanuit z'n studio I Love You Truly uit, live gezongen door Eugenia Farrar, een jaar later gevolgd door muziek vanaf de Eiffeltoren omdat hij in Parijs op huwelijksreis was, en in 1910 stuurde hij de eerste toespraak de ether in, z'n schoonmoeder die iets feministisch met de burgers te delen had.

Lee zond uit vanuit de Metropolitan Opera in New York, eerst Tosca, toen een paar aria's door Enrico Caruso, en vanuit z'n studio zong iemand iets uit Carmen. Hij vond de radiolamp uit die in mijn jeugd nog steeds in radio's zat, de audion, een ding dat hij aanhoudend verbeterde. Het Hooggerechtshof kwam eraan te pas om vast te leggen dat het patent op de laatste verbeterde versie inderdaad aan Lee de Forest toekwam. En tussen de bedrijven door lag hij permanent in de clinch met aandeelhouders en investeerders.

Hij was geen gemakkelijke man, trouwde vier keer, z'n derde scheiding kwam nadat ze hem een kind had gebaard en hij eiste dat zij voortaan thuis bleef en eten kookte. Zij, dat was de dochter van de feministische schoonmoeder, de bruid van Parijs. Die vroeg prompt de volgende dag echtscheiding aan. Maar lastpak of niet, al dan geen ideale echtgenoot, Lee de Forest was een perfecte vader. Van de radio.



DeForest Lofts in San Jose, California, is een gebouw met sjeke condo's, genoemd naar de vader van de radio, Lee de Forest.

## Willem Meiners

Willem Meiners (1949, Amsterdam) was krantenredacteur in Nederland voordat hij op Thanksgiving Day 1991 naar de VS emigreerde. Hij werd boekhandelaar, helikoptervlieger en eigenaar van een radiostation. Samen met zijn vrouw Alice woont hij in Maine.

Tot zijn eerdere boeken behoren *"The Dutch Touch"*, een verslag van Amerika's best bewaarde geheim, dat wil zeggen hoe diep Nederlands de Verenigde Staten van vandaag zijn, en een biografie van de *Amerikaanse president Warren Harding* (1921-1923). Samen met twee bemanningsleden vestigde hij in 2007 een nieuw luchtvaartrecord door in een kleine helikopter van Barrow, Alaska naar Ushuaia, Argentinië, en terug te vliegen, over een afstand van 64.000 kilometer.

*Editor: Willem Meiners (author) geeft toestemming om bovenstaand artikel te publiceren.*



## Een Vriend

*We moeten vrienden hebben in het leven  
Wat een vriend is? Is moeilijk om schreven  
Het is geen gevoel als tussen man en vrouw  
Of moeder en kind.  
Maar iets heel anders dat je niet zo snel vindt.  
Bij een vriend kun je, je hart luchten  
De moeilijkheden van het leven ont vluchten  
Al heb je een gebroken bot of hart  
Een vriend luisterd, en help je, met je smart  
Je heb geen psychiater of psycholoog nodig  
Een goede vriend maak zulke mensen overbodig  
Die verdriet en blijdschap met je deelt  
Die niets verlangt of eis(t)  
Dat weet je, ik heb een vriend  
Dat is het bewijs.*

Franciscus Clemens Fikke

Editor: Dit gedicht is ontvangen van Gena Count

## Do you require Assistance?

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do. Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you. Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they we will put you into contact with the people, who can assist.

**The Neerlandia Committee.**

## A message to our readers

Want to contribute to the next issue of the Neerlandia Magazine?

Neerlandia Material for the next issue of the magazine has to be in by the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month. Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable, the editor will be very happy with typewritten articles. You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as an attachment to email in Word format. Please ensure any images are of high quality.

Please send to: [pawedden@hotmail.com](mailto:pawedden@hotmail.com)

Thank you for all the volunteers' assistance in making this magazine possible.

**Peter van der Wedden, Editor**

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# Members Birthdays, In Memoriam

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of April. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

Tini	Swart
Freek	Bijlsma
Riet	Blom
Mia	Boshart
Louise	Chatburn-de Graaff
Rickie	de Lange
Wim	Deugd
Henk	Ekamper
Dirk	Heistek
Walter	Koenders
Jan	Legg
Erna	Luitjens
Peter	Meinema
Cindy	Meyer
Ans	Monfils
Cindy	Neil
John	Norder
Ria	Plate
Irvine	Spence
Hiltje	Steneker
Egie	Sturley van Hoorn
Sonja	van der Feltz
Dora	van der List
Jacoba	van Emden
Jaiah	Lay
Cornvelus	Vermeulen
Leonie	Wilson
Fiona	Walsh
Elizabeth	Walter

If your birthday is not mentioned, or you would like to change the details, that can be arranged.

To make changes you need to contact Neerlandia membership by sending and email to:

[membership@dutchclubwa.com](mailto:membership@dutchclubwa.com)

## In Memoriam

Passed away on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Renske Saapke Hogan

Sincere condolences to her family, from the Neerlandia Committee and the many Sub Clubs.

Renske was a choir member and she loved singing, while a carer brought her all the way from Bullsbrook, every Saturday morning.



Passed away peacefully in the afternoon on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Jan Lagerweij

We extend our condolences to his wife Anna and his family. He was a gentlemen and always fun to play a game of *klaverjas* cards with.

He will be missed.







## BROADCASTING IN THE DUTCH LANGUAGE

**SUNDAY FROM 16:30 TO 18:00 ON**

**Radio Fremantle 107.9FM.**

people want to know how the broadcasts come together. Well, we all work slightly different, but personally I see the process as cooking a nice meal. First there is the decision which ingredients to use? Will it be about an era in the seventies or is there a focus on new popular music? To give you an idea how it works, I will take you through the of planning the program of 24<sup>th</sup> March.

I selected a lot of music by Jan Smit, who many still

**A**t the moment we have four volunteers who produce a monthly program. And often

remember as Jantje, the ten-year-old boy from Volendam who sang about his Mama and Grandmother. This because I found out that he was honoured with the Edison Pop Oeuvre Prize during a life television program on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. His nine-year-old son

hand him the Edison statue. I was given the audio recording of that moment. Jan Smit provided the main theme for the broadcast.

Jantje Smit sang for four years with the Volendam boys' choir 'De zangertjes van Volendam'. He was discovered in 1996, at the age of ten, when the Volendam band BZN wanted to record a duet with young local talent and singer Carola Smit. Jantje was fitted the bill and the song Mama became a great success. A new star was born, when he recorded his next 'smartlap extra ordinaire' with the title '*Ik zing Dit Lied voor Jou Alleen*' in honour of his deceased grandmother. Life was great for Jantje Smit, he turned into a 'Jan' and in 2007, Smit had his fifth No. 1 hit: '*Op Weg Naar Geluk*'. Unfortunately, in mid-October it was

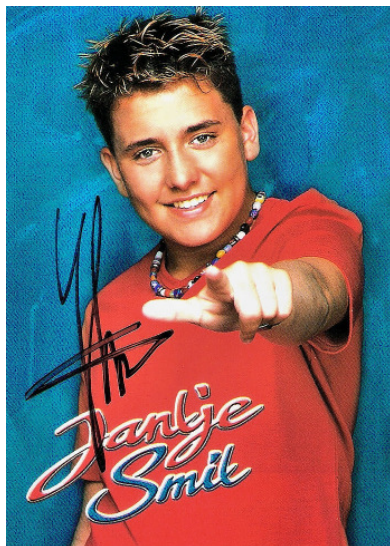
announced that Smit was no longer allowed to sing until the end of November. A lump had been found on his vocal cords. All performances were cancelled. From November of that year, Smit was unable to sing for six months due to an operation. After an eight-month absence, Smit made his comeback during concert on Koninginnedag 2008. Jan sang '*Je Naam in de Sterren*'. It's an 'Paling-pop' song about missing a loved one. Smit wrote the song for the deceased father of his then girlfriend Yolanthe Cabau. She told Smit one night that she saw her father in the stars and Smit used this for the song.

Jan Smit is a piece of Dutch heritage! The Dutch government, assisted by the Chancellor of the Dutch Knighthoods and his Chancellery of the Netherlands Orders, thought so too and that is why Jan Smit was

appointed as Officer in the Order van Oranje Nassau on behalf of His Majesty the King on 24 April 2020. This award was presented to him by Mayor Lieke Sievers of the municipality of Edam-Volendam for his special record of service within Dutch music and merits for fellow human beings, also beyond the country's borders. Not only nationally, but also internationally, Jan has managed to put Volendam on the map in recent years. This appointment was also made possible by Jan's many voluntary contributions, including the ambassadorship of 'SOS Kinderdorpen', which he has been exercising for 21 years. Jan is the youngest person in the country to be awarded an award Smit stated to be very touched and proud, he never expected this, especially given his age.

Jan Smit was part of the selection committee of the Eurovision Song Contest for ten years. Last year he decided to step out of this committee. Jan Smit himself wanted to dispel the 'wild rumours' about his departure from the selection committee of the Eurovision Song Contest. '*The decision has nothing to do with the participation of the duo Mia Nicolai and Dion Cooper*,' said Smit. The reason was that he thought it was time for fresh blood and new insights.

**T**his part gave me a fresh ingredient for the broadcast. When the new representative for the Netherlands for the Eurovision Song Contest was ›





# The Dutch Radio and Behind the Scene

announced at the end of December, many people held their breath. The choice fell on Joost Klein. But who is this Joost? No, not Piet Hein, but his name is Klein, will his deeds become great? Klein was one of the 600 candidates who wanted to represent the Netherlands in the Eurovision Song Contest 2024. On December 11,



2023, Klein was officially informed that he had actually been chosen as the Dutch entry. Klein gained fame last year through the hit *'Friesenjung'* but he has also shown some

deeper sides with *'Florida 2009'*. In that song, Klein talks about the death of his parents. When Klein performed the song for the first time and told the audience, *'This song is just for my parents, so listen in.'* Joost later said that this is his deepest and most honest track he has made so far.

On 29 February, Joost Klein finally presented the song which he will take to the Eurovision Song Contest. Dutch viewers were able to listen, and watch the song *'Europapa'* for the first time in a special broadcast by Arjen Lubach. Newspapers wrote: *'Europapa'* is a cheerful dance song. It is also very reminiscent of the happy hardcore of the nineties. And that makes sense! Joost Klein got help from DJ Paul Elstak in making his Eurovision entry. In addition, the song is also full of references to Dutch eurodance acts such as 2 Unlimited and Vengaboys. The reactions were mixed, and of course not everyone was enthusiastic: there were doubters and even some outspoken haters. We will know more on how *Europapa* will be received in the Eurovision Song Contest on 9<sup>th</sup> May when Joost Klein performs during the second semifinal of the song contest. Fortunately, the Frisian is looking forward to it!

That's it from me! For everyone who doesn't know how to listen to our programs; we broadcast on Sunday, from 16:30hrs, via Radio Fremantle on the FM band at 107.9. This makes our programs accessible for many, just before dinner. But if this time doesn't suit you, it is possible to listen online at any time you like via our website [www.dutchradio.com.au](http://www.dutchradio.com.au). This is the same website where you can listen back to the program of 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Karin.

## Behind the Scenes



Ten times a year, year in year out, financial members of Dutch Society Neerlandia WA receive a hard copy or softcopy via email. A magazine full of club info, reviews of club events, puzzles, background information, jokes -

indeed, a varied and well-presented magazine. From feedback we know how well liked this magazine is yet, have you ever wondered how this magazine comes together? What needs to be done to get it from 28/32 empty pages to an enjoyable read on your coffee table?

When Dutch Club co-founder and Editor Pieter Leeftang suddenly passed away on 6 November 2023, the December/January issue of the magazine, volume 54 issue 10 was halfway finished on Pieter's computer, at his home.

The committee realised that not finishing the magazine was not an option: both Pieter and the members would have been very upset about that. Consequently, President John Zwartkruis, with the assistance of Anthony, Pieter's son, the Christmas issue of the magazine was put together and was delivered into your letterbox in time. No-one realised the work, effort, and time the committee in general and John in particular had spent on achieving this.

Over the club's summer break many a small group of committee members met to discuss the Neerlandia magazine and its need for a new Editor. Peter van der Wedden, now retired, offered to cover and try out with full energy to be the next person and produce the Neerlandia magazine. He was acutely aware that he had big shoes to fill, being a *full time* job. Currently you are reading Volume 55, Issue 3, the third magazine produced by Peter. You will have to agree that a smoother transition of Editors would have been impossible. Each issue has a slight change, a technical update here and there, a font change - and slowly but certainly the magazine is becoming the new Editor's baby. New columns, different information but always the same familiar Neerlandia Magazine.

Did you read Babette's story last month? I bet you enjoyed it as much as I did. Reading about our members never ceases to fascinate me. I would love it if you, who is now reading this article in this magnificent magazine, got pen to paper and wrote a story about yourself. When did you come to Australia, what moved you to migrate if you came by yourself, how old were you if you came with your parents. Or tell us about your hobby, what has your interest? Did you go somewhere recently or in the past and you would like to tell others about your experience? All of us have stories to tell; each story is of interest to the readers of the Neerlandia magazine.

Peter van der Wedden is working hard to provide you with an interesting read, why don't you appreciate his efforts and send in your story. Make it long, make it short but please make it! Don't miss out being part of your magazine. We all love to read about you.

Een groet,

Lianna Parker  
Life Member.





## DE BOEKHOEK



**T**erwijl de bibliothecaresses van de City of Vincent onze boeken bewerken om op de planken te zetten, lezen wij gewoon door en brengen wij jullie elke maand een nieuwe boek recentie. Uiteindelijk komen alle boeken die wij in het Neerlandia Magazine bespreken ook op de planken van de nieuwe bibliotheek te staan. Wij streven er naar om zoveel mogelijk variatie in het boekenbestand van de Dutch Club WA te brengen zodat er voor elk wat wils te lezen is.

Deze maand bespreken we de biografie van Ahmed Aboutaleb, sinds 2009 Burgemeester van Rotterdam. Wat een fascinerende persoonlijkheid, wat een fascinerend boek.

Vanaf het moment dat Ahmed Aboutaleb als vijftienjarige jongen vanuit het Marokkaanse Rifgebergte verhuisde naar een Haagse achterstandswijk werkte hij keihard. Hij wilde Nederlands leren, goed meekomen op school, geld verdienen en carrière maken. De jonge man was ambitieus - ambitieuzer dan zijn leeftijdsgenoten, met of zonder migratieachtergrond. Aboutalebs gedrevenheid maakte hem uiteindelijk één van de eerste spindoctors in Den Haag, de eerste Amsterdamse wethouder van Marokkaanse komaf, de eerste Marokkaanse Nederlander in de regering en de eerste islamitische burgemeester van een grote Europese stad. Zelf heeft Aboutaleb de afgelopen dertig jaar zijn verhaal in allerlei delen en varianten verteld. Deze biografie kijkt verder dan Aboutalebs eigen perspectief: de schrijvers, Elisa Herminades en Ruben Koops, bieden inzicht in het karakter, de ontwikkeling en de omgeving van deze ambitieuze man. Zij vertellen het verhaal over Aboutaleb's succes zonder de schaduwkanten ervan uit het oog te verliezen.



Meer informatie over de auteurs:  
Elisa Herminades & Ruben Koops

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Wij krijgen regelmatig aanbod van boeken voor onze bibliotheek, en daar zijn we de lezer dankbaar voor. We benadrukken echter dat door ons alleen donaties worden overwogen wanneer het boek geschreven is na het jaar 2000, door een Nederlandse auteur en in de Nederlandse taal. Vertalingen kunnen vanwege ruimte niet geaccepteerd worden.

Heb jij onlangs een goed, gezellig of interessant boek gelezen? Is jouw favoriete boek geschreven door een Nederlandse auteur en gepubliceerd na 2000? Dan is dat boek wellicht een aanrader voor de "Mies" bibliotheek van de Dutch Club! Laat het ons weten.

Een hartelijke groet van,

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## Karneval 2024

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February, Karneval was celebrated at the Rhein-Donau Club. This was an event shared between the RDC & Neerlandia. Unfortunately, only very few Neerlandia members attended. Just so that you know for next year, here are some reports on what took place and the kind of fun activities that were organised for little kids on that Sunday.



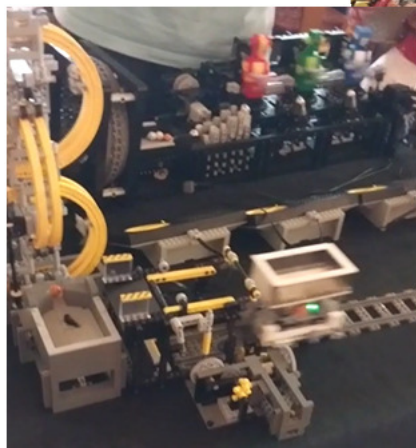
Most were dressed up in their favourite novel characters. So too were the parents.



The Lego Building club had brought out their Lego Blocks and placed them on one of the long tables so that the kids could



build whatever took their imagination.



DJ Brian played lots of popular dance music and the dance floor was full most of the time but especially once the "Macarena" was being played.



The Swiss Guggeburra Band came in and played several items. That was pretty loud but very entertaining, as they too were all dressed up. Eventually all the kids were provided with a balloon, which was to be tied around their ankle.



They were then required to pop everyone else's balloon without theirs being popped. Once their balloon had been popped, they were out of the game.

All in all, it was a fun afternoon, and maybe next year, you too may like to attend.

*Event by RDC*





Amsterdam was founded at the mouth of the Amstel River that was dammed to control flooding; the city's name derives from a local linguistic variation of the word dam. Originally a small fishing village in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century, Amsterdam became a major world port during the

Dutch Golden Age of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, when the Netherlands was an economic powerhouse. Amsterdam was the leading centre for finance and trade, as well as a hub of production of secular art. In the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

centuries, the city expanded and many new neighborhoods and suburbs were planned and built. The canals of Amsterdam and the 19-20<sup>th</sup> century Defence Line of Amsterdam are both on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Sloten, annexed in 1921 by the municipality of Amsterdam, is the oldest part of the city, dating to the 9<sup>th</sup> century. The city has a long tradition of openness, liberalism, and tolerance. Cycling is key to the city's modern character, and there are numerous biking paths and lanes spread throughout the entire city.



Golden Age art; the Van Gogh Museum; the Dam Square, where the Royal Palace of Amsterdam and former city hall (*stadhuis*) are located; the Amsterdam Museum; Stedelijk Museum, with modern art; H'ART Museum, the Concertgebouw concert hall; the Anne Frank House; the Scheepvaartmuseum, the Heineken Experience, the Natura Artis Magistra; Hortus Botanicus, NEMO, the red-light district and many cannabis coffee shops. The city is also well known for its nightlife and festival activity; with several of its nightclubs (Melkweg, Paradiso) among the world's most famous. Primarily known for its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system and narrow canal houses with gabled façades; well-preserved legacies of the city's 17<sup>th</sup> century Golden Age, and the establishment of the Van Gogh Museum, displaying the work of the famous Dutch modern artist, have attracted millions of visitors to Amsterdam annually.



## History

Due to its geographical location in what used to be wet peatland, the founding of Amsterdam is later than other urban centres in the Low Countries. However, around the area of what later became Amsterdam, farmers settled as early as three millennia ago. They lived along the prehistoric IJ river and upstream of its tributary Amstel. The origins of Amsterdam are linked to the development of a dam on the Amstel River called *Amestelle*, meaning “watery area”, from *Aa(m)* “river” + *stelle* “site at a shoreline”, “river bank”. In this area, land reclamation started as early as the late 10<sup>th</sup> century. Amestelle was located along a side arm of the IJ. This side arm took the name from the eponymous land: Amstel. The construction of a dam at the mouth of the Amstel, eponymously named Dam, is



historically estimated to have occurred between 1264 and 1275. The settlement first appeared in a document from 1275, concerning a road toll granted by the count of Holland Floris V to the residents *apud Amestelledamme* “at the dam in the Amstel” or “at the dam of Amstelland”. This allowed the inhabitants of the village to travel freely through the County of Holland, paying no tolls at bridges, locks and dams. As the dam was gradually built up it became wide enough for a town square, which remained the core of the town developing around it. Dam Square as it exists today grew out of what was originally two squares: the actual dam, called *Middeldam*, on which was located a large fish market (*vismarkt*) where ships moored at the dam to load and unload goods; and *Plaetse*, an adjacent plaza to the west. The area became a centre not only of commercial activity but also of the government, as the site of Amsterdam's town hall.

As a market square, the Dam had a weigh house that can be seen in some old paintings. It was demolished in 1808 by order of Louis Bonaparte who, upon taking up residence in the newly converted Royal Palace. ›



# Onwards to Amsterdam 750

**A**msterdam will start the Amsterdam 750 jubilee year with a spectacular opening concert! On 27 October 2024, the Ziggo Dome will transform into a musical time machine. The Metropole Orkest, ISH Dance Collective, Zo! Gospel Choir and Live in Concert will take you on a musical and visual tour of important moments in Amsterdam's history. From new music to the famous classics, featuring up-and-coming talent and renowned artists. With hip-hop dance and urban sports, classical ballet and spoken word, all accompanied by iconic images, it will be an unforgettable night!

This event is for everyone who's fond of our beautiful city. Whether you're a born and raised Amsterdam resident or you've adopted the city as your second home, we all share the love for our vibrant town full of diversity.

Are you ready to be part of this festive moment? We can't wait to see you at the Ziggo Dome on 27 November 2024 so we can celebrate our love for Amsterdam together!

If you would like to be one to buy tickets for this event, then register and fill in your details.

[Ticket sales has started on 29 February 2024.](#)

## REGISTER FOR THE SALE NOW!

<https://amsterdam750.nl/en/amsterdam-750-opening-concert/>

The jubilee year will focus on the city's history, the future and the road towards it. Mayor Halsema: 'Together, we look back on 750 eventful years, not only by telling well-known but especially new and unknown stories from the city. By thinking ahead and dreaming about the city of tomorrow, because together we are making the Amsterdam of the

future: the free city of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What unites Amsterdammers is their love for the city, from which wonderful initiatives are already emerging to celebrate the anniversary year together. Amsterdam 750 is also an opportunity to share this love for the city and create something together that the city and its residents will enjoy not only during that year, but also in the years to come. We see new collaborations emerging between residents, entrepreneurs and all kinds of institutions and organisations throughout the city.'

Team 750 of the Municipality of Amsterdam creates, connects and coordinates numerous projects around the year of Amsterdam 750. At the same time, the whole city is already working hard behind the scenes on "750". On 27 October 2024, we will kick off with an iconic opening, and efforts will be made to organise an unforgettable anniversary celebration on 27 October 2025.



During the anniversary year, there will be something to do almost every day: from small-scale neighbourhood initiatives organised by residents to the best Amsterdam offers in music, theatre, art and culture, sports and education.

And we celebrate with SAIL, the Marathon and the Kwaku Festival, which first took place 50 years ago, in 1975. For the festive decor and communication, the municipality works with amsterdam&partners.

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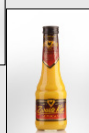
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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEBREAKER.

This puzzle was not an easy win and it was difficult to find the first two words. But once the word: **Jilt** and **Ungainly** were found, the rest became much easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*  
A=11; B=5; C=13; D=21; E=10; F=19; G=20; H=9; I=26; J=18; K=17; L=2; M=25; N=14; O=15; P=1; Q=15; R=8; S=3; T=23; U=16; V=6; W=24; X=12; Y=7; Z=22.

### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEBREAKER.

This puzzle looked easy as the first word **Appendix** was a giveaway. But that was false hope. Then you had to find the word **Doodads** before you were on your way, which proved to be harder then expected.

*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*  
A=18; B=1; C=19; D=8; E=25; F=21; G=2; H=14; I=3; J=7; K=9; L=11; M=24; N=17; O=15; P=4; Q=5; R=10; S=20; T=26; U=12; V=23; W=13; X=6; Y=22; Z=16.



# Two Bonus Codeword Puzzles

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 13 |    | 22 |    | 2  |    | 19 |    | 6  |    | 17 |    | 17 |    |
| 13 | 21 | 25 | 12 | 15 | 23 |    | 6  | 3  | 3  | 13 | 1  | 6  | 6  | 14 |
|    | 25 |    | 8  |    | 9  |    | 12 |    | 3  |    | 6  |    | 25 |    |
| 23 | 18 | 8  | 26 | 6  | 10 | 12 | 8  |    | 12 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16 | 8  |
|    | 15 |    | 12 |    | 2  |    | 2  |    | 17 |    |    |    | 18 |    |
| 8  | 2  | 4  | 17 | 6  | 23 | 2  | 15 |    | 12 | 8  | 19 | 25 | 15 | 20 |
|    | 10 |    | 14 |    |    |    | 20 |    | 18 |    | 25 |    |    |    |
| 1  | 20 | 16 | 12 | 2  | 8  | 2  |    | 9  | 10 | 25 | 9  | 9  | 2  | 15 |
|    |    |    | 22 |    | 6  |    | 1  |    |    |    | 12 |    | 5  |    |
| 12 | 8  | 19 | 2  | 17 | 14 |    | 18 | 9  | 13 | 6  | 10 | 25 | 14 | 2  |
|    | 18 |    |    |    | 2  |    | 15 |    | 14 |    | 18 |    | 2  |    |
| 18 | 24 | 10 | 6  | 23 | 9  | B  | 22 | 18 | 25 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 8  | 16 |
|    | 18 |    | 8  |    | 6  |    | 2  |    | 3  |    | 12 |    | 26 |    |
| 24 | 10 | 18 | 20 | 9  | 6  | 20 | 13 |    | 3  | 15 | 6  | 7  | 2  | 8  |
|    | 23 |    | 5  |    | 11 |    | 14 |    | 20 |    | 8  |    | 26 |    |

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1              | 14              |
| 2              | 15              |
| 3              | 16              |
| 4              | 17              |
| 5              | 18              |
| 6 <sub>O</sub> | 19              |
| 7              | 20              |
| 8              | 21              |
| 9 <sub>B</sub> | 22              |
| 10             | 23 <sub>M</sub> |
| 11             | 24              |
| 12             | 25              |
| 13             | 26              |

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A            | N            |
| <del>B</del> | <del>O</del> |
| C            | P            |
| D            | Q            |
| E            | R            |
| F            | S            |
| G            | T            |
| H            | U            |
| I            | V            |
| J            | W            |
| K            | X            |
| L            | Y            |
| <del>M</del> | Z            |

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |                 |                 |                |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 4  |    | 25 |    | 26 |    | 20              |                 | 25             |    | 18 |    | 10 |    |
| 17 | 19 | 22 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 23 | 21              |                 | 23             | 25 | 6  | 24 | 25 | 3  |
|    | 25 |    | 6  |    | 16 |    | 19              |                 | 2              |    | 19 |    | 7  |    |
| 7  | 25 | 1  | 24 | 23 | 8  | 16 | 8               | 21              | 9              |    | 20 | 16 | 7  | 8  |
|    | 2  |    | 20 |    | 21 |    | 11              |                 | 13             |    | 3  |    | 22 |    |
| 10 | 25 | 18 | 7  | 25 | 19 |    | 23              | 25              | 25             | 5  | 16 | 25 | 18 | 18 |
|    |    |    | 22 |    | 20 |    | 5               |                 |                |    |    |    | 8  |    |
| 1  | 8  | 15 | 1  | 8  | 13 | 17 |                 | 21              | 8              | 16 | 4  | 22 | 23 | 21 |
|    | 14 |    |    |    |    |    | 8               |                 | 14             |    | 20 |    |    |    |
| 17 | 25 | 20 | 7  | 23 | 22 | 26 | 18              |                 | 25             | 16 | 22 | 15 | 22 | 19 |
|    | 19 |    | 24 |    | 23 |    | 7               |                 | 19             |    | 19 |    | 1  |    |
| 1  | 24 | 8  | 3  |    | 4  | 8  | 19 <sub>R</sub> | 25 <sub>E</sub> | 4 <sub>F</sub> | 22 | 23 | 21 | 25 | 19 |
|    | 20 |    | 20 |    | 20 |    | 22              |                 | 16             |    | 25 |    | 17 |    |
| 12 | 11 | 8  | 19 | 11 | 13 |    | 1               | 19              | 8              | 18 | 18 | 17 | 8  | 3  |
|    | 16 |    | 7  |    | 9  |    | 24              |                 | 3              |    | 18 |    | 15 |    |

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1              | 14              |
| 2              | 15              |
| 3              | 16              |
| 4 <sub>F</sub> | 17              |
| 5              | 18              |
| 6              | 19 <sub>R</sub> |
| 7              | 20              |
| 8              | 21              |
| 9              | 22              |
| 10             | 23              |
| 11             | 24              |
| 12             | 25 <sub>E</sub> |
| 13             | 26              |

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A            | N            |
| B            | O            |
| C            | P            |
| D            | Q            |
| <del>E</del> | <del>R</del> |
| <del>F</del> | S            |
| G            | T            |
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| I            | V            |
| J            | W            |
| K            | X            |
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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 13 |    | 5  |    | 19 |    | 19 |    | 15 |    | 12 |    | 15 |    |    |    |
| 13 | 6  | 16 | 3  | T  | 14 | 8  | C  |    | 8  | 4  | 19 | 14 | 26 | 5  | 19 | 20 |
|    | 3  |    | 19 |    | 9  |    |    | 9  |    | 8  |    | 16 |    | 20 |    |    |
| 26 | 13 | 17 | 3  | 9  | 14 | 26 | 16 |    |    | 9  | 13 | 21 | 17 | 2  | 2  |    |
|    | 9  |    | 17 |    | 10 |    | 21 |    | 16 |    |    |    |    | 17 |    |    |
| 2  | 14 | 6  | 13 | 10 |    | 24 | 19 | 21 | 5  |    |    | 17 | 18 | 15 | 11 |    |
|    | 16 |    | 5  |    |    |    | 3  |    | 5  |    | 26 |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8  | 9  | 16 | 25 | 17 | 13 | 3  |    | 21 | 13 | 10 | 9  | 16 | 8  | 12 |    |    |
|    |    |    | 17 |    | 15 |    | 7  |    |    |    | 13 |    | 4  |    |    |    |
| 16 | 16 | 23 | 13 |    | 13 | 6  | 19 | 7  |    | 5  | 25 | 17 | 14 | 10 |    |    |
|    | 8  |    |    |    | 8  |    | 26 |    | 21 |    | 17 |    | 22 |    |    |    |
| 16 | 8  | 13 | 15 | 16 | 3  |    | 7  | 19 | 9  | 23 | 14 | 1  | 19 | 26 |    |    |
|    | 17 |    | 13 |    | 9  |    | 19 |    | 14 |    | 3  |    | 15 |    |    |    |
| 21 | 15 | 17 | 13 | 21 | 14 | 9  | 10 |    | 5  | 14 | 13 | 9  | 9  | 19 |    |    |
|    | 3  |    | 12 |    | 8  |    | 13 |    | 12 |    | 10 |    | 11 |    |    |    |

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|    |    | T  |    |    |    |    | C  |    |    |    |    |    |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| I  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1 - 9 in the each row and column; each 3 x 3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1 - 9.

**Sudoku 992**  
Easy Puzzle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   | 8 |
|   | 1 | 9 |   | 7 |   | 3 |   |   |
| 2 |   |   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |
| 8 | 6 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   | 9 |
|   | 9 |   | 2 |   | 6 |   | 4 |   |
| 7 |   |   | 4 |   |   |   | 6 | 3 |
|   |   | 7 |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |
|   |   | 1 |   | 2 |   | 4 | 8 |   |
| 9 |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   | 6 |

**Sudoku 992**  
Medium Puzzle

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 3 |   |   |   | 6 |   | 8 |
| 8 | 5 |   | 7 |   |   |   | 1 |   |
| 6 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 9 |   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   | 3 |
|   | 8 |   |   | 1 |   |   | 4 |   |
| 5 |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 6 |
|   |   |   |   |   | 3 |   |   | 5 |
|   | 6 |   |   |   | 7 |   | 2 | 1 |
| 2 |   | 9 |   |   |   | 4 |   |   |

## Results of last month's CODEBREAKER

To find the first 2 words of last month's Codebreaker was quite easy.

The first 2 words I found were: **Widest** and **Redwood**. Once those 2 words were found, it still was easy going.

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*

A=4; B=19; C=14; D=20;  
E=12; F=13; G=3; H=8;  
I=10; J=15; K=9; L=16;  
M=24; N=23; O=25; P=11;  
Q=22; R=1; S=5; T=21;  
U=26; V=18; W=2; X=17;  
Y=6; Z=7.

**Last month's**  
Sudoku Easy 991 solution.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 7 |
| 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| 9 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| 3 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 |
| 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 |

**Last month's**  
Sudoku Medium 991 solution.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 3 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 4 |



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WE INVITE YOU TO WEAR SOMETHING ORANGE SIMPLY TO GET INTO THE DUTCH CELEBRATORY MOOD.

FOR THE CHILDREN WE'LL HAVE THE TRADITIONAL VRIJMARKT:

PLEASE BRING A BLANKET AND UNWANTED BOOKS AND TOYS SO THAT THE KIDS CAN EXCHANGE THEM OR SELL THEM FOR UPTO \$2 PER ITEM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY POPULAR AND TRADITIONAL KONINGSDAG EVENT, SIGN UP VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK: [TINYURL.COM/KONINGPERTH24](https://tinyurl.com/koningperth24) YOU CAN ALSO SIGN UP FOR THE LANGUAGEONE KONINGSDAG EVENT VIA THIS LINK.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING SOME ORANGE SURPRISES FOR THE DAY AND THE KITCHEN WILL GO FULL BLAST AGAIN TO TAKE YOUR ORDERS OF TRADITIONAL DUTCH SNACKS. THERE WILL BE A GRABBELTON/LUCKY DIP TOO.

LIKE EVERY MONTH, THE BAR WILL SELL ICE COLD JONGE Jenever AND ADVOCATJES MET SLAGROOM.

FOR THIS KONINGSDAG EVENT THERE WILL ALSO BE TRADITIONAL ORANJE BITTER FOR SALE.

KARIN, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF DUTCH COMMUNITY RADIO (DCR) WILL BE PRESENTING SOME ROYAL MUSIC, SWINGING JAZZ AND FAMILIAR DUTCH SONGS.



CLUBHOUSE OF LAKE MONGER RECREATION CLUB IS AT  
144 GREGORY STREET, WEMBLEY.

WE'LL BE THERE FROM 6PM ONWARDS.

AMPLE PARKING

LOTS OF GRASSY AREAS FOR KIDS TO PLAY OUTDOOR GAMES.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON FRIDAY 26 APRIL

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE SO BRING A FRIEND, MEET A FRIEND OR JUST ENJOY THE START OF THE WEEKEND.

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